

APRIL 12
2020

Easter Sunday

He has been raised from the dead,
and he is going before you to Galilee.

MATTHEW 28:7

If Christmas is the “most wonderful time of the year,” then Easter is the most joyous, glorious, awesome time of the year! Really? Today’s readings don’t exactly brim over with the kind of holiday cheer we find at Christmas—except for the responsorial psalm, which admittedly rings with gleeful joy. But otherwise, not so much. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter gives a dry, condensed rendering of the story of Jesus to a group of Gentiles in

Caesarea. The Colossians reading actually does have us looking forward to glory. Most underwhelming, though, is the Gospel proclamation of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. When we want to hear about angels and earthquakes and trumpets and glory, we hear about a dark, silent, empty tomb. This Easter Sunday story from John’s Gospel is startling in its emptiness. Like Peter in the story, we must enter into this mystery.

SAINT PATRICK
CHURCH
14936 W. PEOTONE RD.
MANHATTAN, ILLINOIS 60442



EASTER SUNDAY OF
THE RESURRECTION
OF THE LORD
APRIL 12, 2020

FR. SEBASTIAN GARGOL PASTOR
Email: fr.sebastiangargol@gmail.com
Website: www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org

PHONE: RECTORY 478-3440
FAX: 478-4186
Facebook: St. Patrick Church of Wilton Center

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 11, 2020 – EASTER VIGIL

8:00 pm VIEW ON LINE

Sunday, April 12, 2020 – EASTER

8:00 am VIEW ON-LINE

Monday, April 13, 2020 – 8:00 am – VIEW ON-LINE

Tuesday, April 14 – 8:00 am – VIEW ON-LINE

Wednesday, April 15, 2020 – 8:00 am – VIEW ON LINE

Thursday, April 16, 2020 - 8:00 am VIEW ON-LINE

Friday, April 17, 2020 - 8:00 am - VIEW ON-LINE

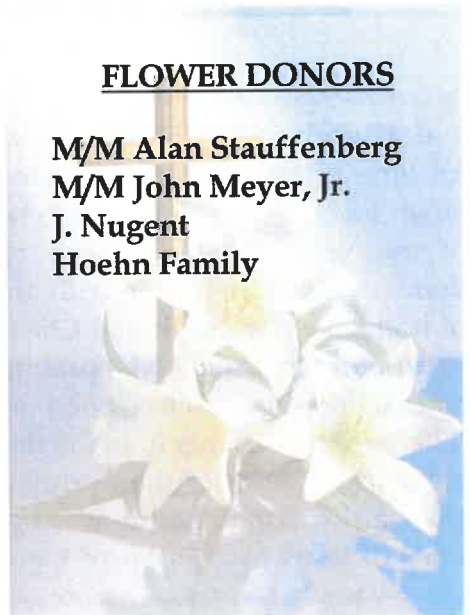
Sunday, April 19, 2020 – 8:00 am VIEW ON-LINE

EASTER FLOWERS IN MEMORY / HONOR OF:

Jim & Rita Phelan
Jerry & Vicky Phelan
Phelan Family Members
Gast Family Members
Jerry & Stella Ulman & Deceased Family
Deceased Members of Katherine Stromski Family
Deceased Members of the Cakora Family
Father Sal Giunta
Mary & Frank Kowalczyk
Peggy & Hazel Vick
Minnie & Neely Vick
Anna & Marin Kowalczyk
Harold Flannery
Dorothy & Don Nugent

FLOWER DONORS

M/M Alan Stauffenberg
M/M John Meyer, Jr.
J. Nugent
Hoehn Family



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,090.37

Sunday, April 5.....\$1,847.50

Thank you for your support of our Parish.

St. Patrick Parish depends on you, especially during this difficult time, to continue our daily operations . Please give prayerful thought to continuing your support by either mailing in your contribution or by signing up for Online Giving. For those of you have signed up for "On Line Giving" Thank you. For those not using Online giving, and would like to, please go to our website: www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org and follow the online giving link. We have just updated our format to make signing up easier. Online Giving is simple, convenient, and secure. *Thank you*



Father Sebastian celebrates daily Mass, privately, at St. Rose at 8:00am. Mass is video taped and posted on our Facebook profile (St. Patrick Church of Wilton Center) immediately after. All Mass intentions that were scheduled will be re-scheduled when the "shelter in place" mandate has been lifted.



With our shelter-in-place mandate still in effect you can make a Spiritual Communion whenever and wherever you'd like, using the prayer given below.

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite

myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

(composed by St. Alphonsus Liquori)

You need to approach Him with sincerity, humility and a desire to follow in His footsteps in acts of faith and charity. And He's delighted when we do so! The Baltimore Catechism notes that a Spiritual Communion "is an act of devotion, and one very pleasing to God."

Father Sebastian exposes the Blessed Sacrament, after daily Mass at St. Rose, in the parking lot inside the glass doors from 8:30am until 9:00pm. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed at 3:00pm with parishioners in their cars. Please pray this chaplet in your home.



CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY
(Offer these prayers at 3:00pm if possible)

ON ROSARY BEADS, BEGIN:

Our Father, Hail Mary, the Creed.

ON THE OUR FATHER BEADS, PRAY:

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

ON THE HAIL MARY BEADS, PRAY:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

IN CONCLUSION, PRAY THREE TIMES:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

**NEXT SUNDAY, DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY,
AFTER THE 9:00am MASS
FATHER WILL EXPOSE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT,
WITH THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET AND BENEDICTION**

If you are unable to leave your home because of illness, rehab, or living at a health care center please let the office know and we can put you on our prayer list. If there is an emergency and you need a priest, Fr. Sebastian will be available and can be reached at : 1(815) 478-3440 ex. 102 or 815-476-7491 and then press 1.

We are operating on a very small scale; the only way Father Sebastian has to contact you, his parishioners, quickly is through e-mail. Please make sure we have your correct e-mail address. You can just e-mail the office at stpatrickwilton@aol.com to add it. Thank you



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marge Flint; Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernhard, Cecelia Mundt; Fr. Jim Lennon; Gary Ulman; Jessica Lagan; EJ Lagan; Nicole Flint; Brett Burkhalter ; Cathy Engler; Grace Niemiec; Russ McClellon; Bob Johnson ; Fr. Steve Bondi; Steve Niemiec

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE PUT ON THE PRAYER LIST.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK APRIL 12, 2020



- Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
- Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
- Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

Intention of the Holy Father MONTH OF APRIL

- We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

The Senior Assistance will be closed on April 16, 2020. Calls will continue to be returned to messages left at 708-258-6917.

We have a small group of volunteers willing to help get groceries, medications, etc. Or if you need financial assistance there are limited funds available. Please call the parish office and leave a message for Linda.

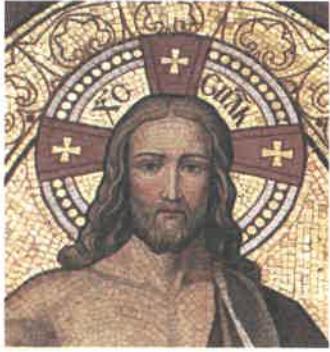
SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

- Sunday: Easter Sunday: Resurrection of the Lord;
- Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter
- Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
- Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter;
- Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter
- Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter;
- Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter

CHRIST HAS RISEN

Where is your sting, O death? Where is your victory, O hell? Christ has risen, and you are overthrown. Christ has risen, and the demons have fallen. Christ has risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ has risen, and life reigns. Christ has risen, and not one dead rests in the grave. For Christ having risen from the dead became the first-fruits of them that slept. To him be glory and majesty to ages of ages.

Amen. — Byzantine Pentekostarion



THE MYSTERY OF EMPTINESS

Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! This Paschal greeting is customary in Eastern Catholic and Orthodox churches on Easter Sunday. Then there is Saint Augustine's acclamation of joy: We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song! However you express it, Easter is the time for rejoicing because Jesus Christ, our friend and brother, is risen from the dead. And yet today's scriptures are less joyful than one would expect for the most important feast in the Christian calendar. Perhaps we are

being asked to look deeper into the mystery of the Resurrection, just as Peter went into the tomb to look deeper into the mystery of its emptiness.

Mary Magdalene, who loved the Lord so much that she risked everything, possibly even her life, to go to the tomb before daybreak, finds the stone rolled away and assumes that someone has taken Jesus' body. Frightened and sad, she runs to tell Peter and John. They all run back to the tomb, but what do they expect to see? Peter enters the tomb and sees. John enters, sees, and believes. But what does he believe? Scripture states, "For they did not yet understand the scripture that he had to rise from the dead" (John 20:9). They went home, not really knowing what had happened. But John "believed" something.

SOMETHING HAPPENED

What do we believe? Somewhere between that Easter morning and Peter's confident teaching about Jesus in the reading from the Acts of the Apostles, something (the Risen Christ) happened. Peter has evolved from his bewilderment into a witness to the Resurrection.

What are we to find in the empty tomb? Maybe the Colossians reading has an answer. By entering the empty tomb of our lives to seek the Lord, we see, we believe, we die, to be raised with Christ. "For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3). And we will rise in glory with him.

Today's Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

4/12/2020